

**Question for written answer E-005563/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Land reclamation in Gibraltar

The land reclamation work begun in May 2014 in Gibraltar for the construction of a new power plant is continuing, with the installation of nine reinforced concrete dams in the western section of the north dock. On 28 August 2014, the Government of Gibraltar presented a new land reclamation plan at Poniente beach (located to the north-west of the airport runway, on the isthmus), with the first phase of the plan potentially starting at any moment (delimitation of the area to be reclaimed by the positioning of walls of rock).

As for the east face of the Rock, following the completion of the reclamation work at Algarrobo beach ('Sandy Bay') in June 2014, the Government of Gibraltar chose six proposals received in a competition of ideas, so as to be able to resume the 'Eastside' project in the future.

Without prejudicing or altering in any way the position which Spain adopts and has always adopted in relation to the sovereignty of the waters off Gibraltar, which are Spanish, does the Commission consider that the United Kingdom is respecting the rules of the European Union, very specifically the obligation to give due notification of its various land reclamation projects in the waters off Gibraltar, under Directive 2011/92/EU?